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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER The past week was cool with repeated light showers and snows. Significant amounts of moisture ranging from a half inch to over an inch were received east of a line connecting Franklin-Garfield and Knox Counties. It fell mostly on unfrozen soils. Snow accumulated locally to depths of five to seven inches in east central Nebraska but had melted by the week end. Temperatures for the week averaged from slightly below normal in the northwest to seven degrees below normal in the southeast.

CROPS Fall harvest operations were limited by rain and snow with about four days favorable for work. Fields became wet and slick making machine and truck travel difficult.

Corn harvest remained behind normal with about three-fourths of the crop out. Normal for this date is 82 percent. Moisture content of the unharvested grain was reported at 19 percent.

Sorghum combining is lagging behind normal with 90 percent completed. This compares to a normal of 95 percent. Wet snow and rain on the grain heads increased moisture content to 16 percent.

Farmers were busy fencing harvested fields so that livestock could start grazing. Many late harvested fields have ample gleanings to be utilized. Ranchers are continuing preparation for winter by getting livestock and feed into winter feeding areas.

Winter wheat condition is mostly good to excellent. However, top soils remain dry in portions of the southwest and Panhandle. Low temperatures are causing wheat to go into dormancy.

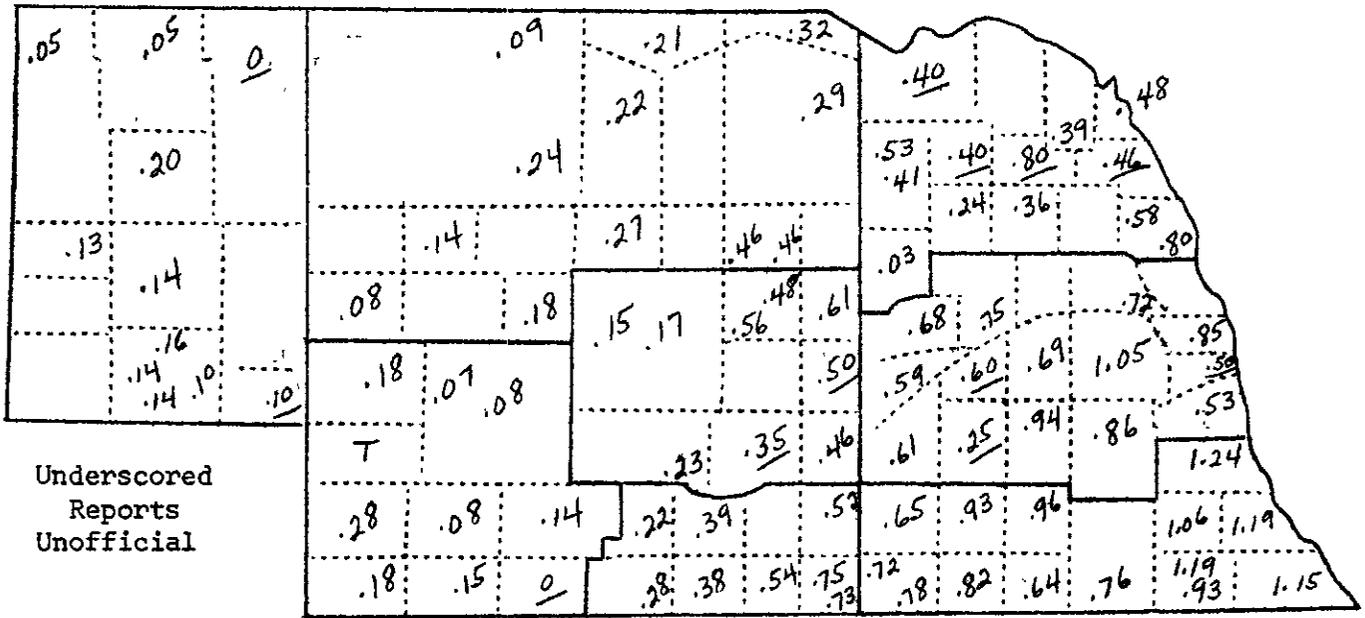
Range and pasture feed conditions, hay and forage supplies are below average in the northeast and southwest. Supplemental feed is necessary in these areas.

LIVESTOCK Cool, damp weather caused some discomfort to livestock and feeding areas were muddy. Some sickness was noted, but losses are limited. Inshipments of stocker and feeder cattle during October amounted to 324,000 head, down 2 percent from last October's 330,000 head. Sheep and lamb movement into Nebraska totaled 77,000 head during October. This is down 13 percent from last October's 89,000 head.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 17, 1968

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.30	Burwell	.36	Chadron	T
Lincoln	.58	North Platte	.07	Imperial	.08
Norfolk	.12	Valentine	.04	Scottsbluff	.10
Omaha	.59			Sidney	.14
Sioux City	.25				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 15, 1968



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m., CST)

		November													
		11th		12th		13th		14th		15th		16th		17th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	54	26	70	38	52	29	42	12	40	29	43	24	29	2
	Scottsbluff	54	24	71	37	50	32	37	13	34	29	42	17	32	6
	Sidney	55	--	66	26	51	32	35	8	33	25	37	17	31	8
NC	Burwell	39	19	43	24	55	36	42	32	41	37	45	24	33	24
	Valentine	42	24	50	36	55	29	43	23	39	33	43	25	27	20
NE	Norfolk	34	13	37	26	49	35	53	35	45	31	43	27	35	--
	Sioux City	32	11	31	24	43	32	43	35	49	32	38	29	35	31
CEN	Grand Island	37	23	43	24	52	34	44	33	45	33	49	29	36	28
EC	Lincoln	34	20	41	29	45	31	40	34	43	32	43	34	38	32
	Omaha	31	14	32	25	41	32	39	32	42	32	38	31	36	31
SW	Imperial	51	18	53	20	54	37	43	31	38	32	44	22	35	11
	North Platte	44	18	47	20	54	38	39	33	37	33	45	25	36	15

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